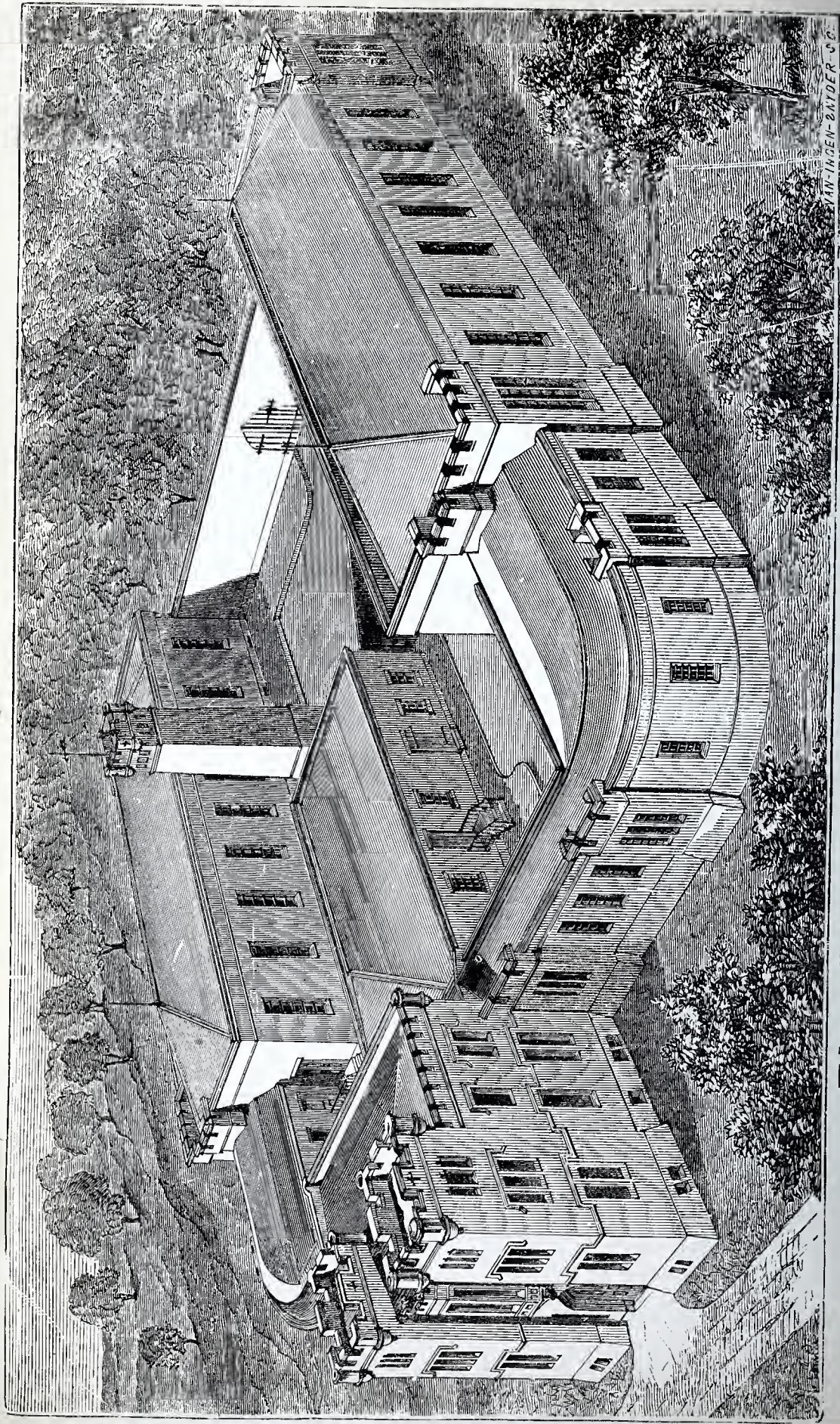



SIXTH
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE
LUZERNE COUNTY PRISON,
TO THE
JUDGES OF THE COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS
— OF —
LUZERNE COUNTY,
JANUARY 1st, 1876.

— ♦ —
ALSO, A STATEMENT OF THE FINANCES OF THE COUNTY.
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OFFICERS OF LUZERNE COUNTY PRISON,
FOR 1875.

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ASS'T KEEPER.

S. J. POLEN,
ENG'R AND SUP'T MANF'G DEP'T

Dr. J. E. BULKELEY,
PHYSICIAN.

REPORT.

To the Honorable the Judges of the Court of Quarter Sessions in and for Luzerne County:

The Board of Commissioners of the Luzerne County Prison, have the honor to report the state and condition of said Prison, and the persons confined therein, in pursuance of the provisions of the Act of Assembly of the thirteenth day of April, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight. The facts in relation to the prisoners, which are required to be noticed by said act, will be found particularly set forth in the tables hereto annexed, a classification of the most important of which is here given. Some other facts, with remarks thereon, have been added for the consideration of your Honors and the tax-payers of the County.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS COMMITTED TO THE
LUZERNE COUNTY PRISON, DURING THE YEAR 1875,
IS 751, CLASSIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

Under sentences of the Courts.....	42
Under sentences of Mayors, Burgesses, &c.....	309
Awaiting trial, &c.....	400
Total.....	<u>751</u>
Number at beginning of year.....	52
Number at close of year	75
Highest number at any time in Prison.....	103

 THE NATIONALITIES OF THE CONVICTS ARE AS FOLLOWS :

America.....	155
England.....	22
Ireland.....	137
Wales.....	14
Scotland.....	6
Canada.....	1
Germany.....	16
Total.....	<u>351</u>

OF THOSE HELD FOR TRIAL, ETC.

America.....	165
England.....	31
Ireland.....	133
Wales.....	20
Scotland.....	7
Germany.....	26
Poland.....	7
Russia.....	3
Holland.....	1
France.....	3
Prussia.....	2
Sweden.....	2
Total.....	<u>400</u>

 THE CONVICTS IN THE PRISON DURING THE YEAR ARE
 CLASSIFIED, AS TO CRIMES, AS FOLLOWS :

Assault and Battery.....	8
“ “ “ with intent.....	3
Burglary.....	3
Bawdy House.....	1
Carrying concealed weapons.....	2
Disturbing Religious Meetings.....	1
Larceny.....	10
Lewdness.....	1
Libel.....	1
Malicious Mischief.....	4

Manslaughter	2
Robbery	1
Riot	3
Selling Liquors unlawfully	2
Total	<u>42</u>

UNDER SENTENCES OF MAYORS, BURGESSES, ETC., 309, CLASSIFIED AS TO CRIME, AS FOLLOWS:

Assault and Battery	3
Drunk and Disorderly	86
Intoxication	148
Gambling	1
Prostitution	3
Vagrancy	68
Total	<u>309</u>

In addition to the above there were 21 convicts sentenced by the Court to undergo an imprisonment in the Eastern Penitentiary of Pennsylvania, a list of whom, together with the crimes of which they were convicted, is hereby given, to wit:

AT JANUARY SESSIONS.

William Polen	Larceny.
Frank McKnight	Shooting to kill.
John Killpatrick	Murder, 2d degree.
Timothy Boyle	" " "

APRIL SESSIONS.

Thomas Neary	Larceny.
William Lott	do.
James Cadden	do.
John McGovern	do.

SEPTEMBER SESSIONS.

Patrick Sweeney	Robbery.
John B. Brislin	Larceny.

NOVEMBER SESSIONS.

Lawrence Connell.....Murder, 2d degree.

DECEMBER SESSIONS.

Isaac Duross.....Rape.
 Walter Whitaker.....Murder.
 Edward KennedyAttempt at Rape.
 John McDonnell Assault & Bat., to kill.
 Oscar Schurtz... ..Shooting “ “
 William RogersHorse Stealing.
 Scott Karkhuff.....“ “
 Edward Connell.....Shooting to kill.
 Patrick Ryan.....Murder, 2d degree
 John HerbertLarceny.

The convicts sent to the Eastern Penitentiary are not registered and numbered among those sentenced to confinement in the Luzerne County Prison. They belong properly to the register of the Penitentiary, are reported as inmates of that institution, and thus find their position in the statistics of crime for the Commonwealth.

THE INSANE.

The expenditures for the Insane are in like manner on the increase. The following are the results of the past few years.

The Expenditures for 1869 were.....	\$2,150	21
“ “ “ 1870 “ 	1,370	58
“ “ “ 1871 “ 	2,987	19
“ “ “ 1872 “ 	5,626	79
“ “ “ 1873 “ 	5,940	47
“ “ “ 1874 “ 	7,069	69
“ “ “ 1875 “ 	9,483	40

VAGRANTS.

Within the past year or two a large number of lazy, idle, dissolute persons, the vermin of society, called "tramps," have been traveling about from place to place, and from house to house, begging for money, food, clothing, &c.; in many cases pressing their demands with threats, and even violence, where they have felt safe in so doing. Many of these vagabonds have found their way into our prison, either as drunkards, vagrants, or convicts of petty crimes, sent up by Mayors, Burgesses, Justices, &c. This evil has become a serious one, and some provision should be made by law to meet it. The sickly and maukish sentimentality that would demand for such beings clean and separate apartments, well heated, and supplied with beds, tables, chairs, and other comforts, a supply of good wholesome food, with persons to wait upon them at the public expense, fails to meet the requirements of the case for such characters. We have put all such prisoners on half fare, and yet they seem not to be deterred from accepting our accommodations; in fact, they readily accept them in preference to working for a living.

The honest, hard working tax-payers of the County should not be burthened to pay for the support of these men in idleness and pampered ease. A law should be passed authorizing and requiring the proper authorities of the town, borough, city or county, to employ such men at work on the roads and streets, with proper appliances to prevent their escape, if desirable, and thus have them serve out their term of sentence by doing the public some service whenever they are convicted of a crime made cognizable by law. Mercy, sympathy, or charity extended to such charac-

ters, at the public expense, is injustice and oppression to the hard-working tax payers, as well as to the business of the country, and results in no benefit to any one.

Societies for the amelioration of the condition of criminals confined in the jails and prisons of the commonwealth, have done a good work, and one that philanthropists everywhere have looked upon with pleasure, but there is danger of carrying even a good thing too far. Notwithstanding all the efforts put forth in this direction, crime has been fearfully on the increase, and has grown to such extent and magnitude, that it has taken possession of almost every place and every business of life. It sits and flourishes in the high places of the land, and skulks and battens in the low. There is no place where its voice is not heard and its work is not done. Sympathy for the condemned criminal is the seed of crime. We have arrived at a time when crime must be made disreputable, must be frowned upon, beaten down and trampled out, at whatever cost or injury to evil-doers. The peace of society, the security of property, and the safety of government, alike demand this.

A society for the amelioration of the condition of hard-working, tax-burthened men, with large families to support, who are battling manfully to keep the wolf from their doors, would just now be in order, and of essential service. The labors of such a society, well directed, would be of great benefit to the public, and tend to make honest labor respectable, quite as much as being the criminal inmate of a prison. Why should the lazy, indolent criminal be more worthy of our sympathy or our charity than the hard-working, honest

man? He should not, and yet the fact is, that he is. Men of wealth and position in our cities and large towns, who would pass their poor, honest neighbor by without a word or even a look of recognition, will travel at great inconvenience, and some expense of time and money, to visit, talk to and sympathize with a criminal inmate of one of our prisons.

This is all wrong, and needs to be corrected; must be corrected, or we had better throw open our prison doors, shut up our courts of justice, and each fortify himself against the common ravisher. We have but seen the beginning of a state of affairs that has seized hold of the vitals of the body politic, but which is growing and spreading so rapidly that unless checked and repressed will lead to the most terrible consequences. It is hoped that there is virtue and intelligence among the people sufficient to apply the proper remedy and avert the threatening disaster.

HEALTH OF PRISON.

The sanitary condition of the prison has been fully up to its former standard. No disease has prevailed in the prison, and none been caused by the confinement to which its inmates are subjected; nor has any been brought in that has not readily yielded to treatment.

Most of those who are brought to the prison arrive there in a diseased condition—suffering from want of proper food and clothing, and from exposure and abuse, as well as from all those ailments with which those of immoral and dissolute lives are always afflicted. Many of them are received in the last stages of *delirium tremens*, and many cankered and eaten up with that most

loathsome and terrible disease which results from a depraved and vicious intercourse of the sexes. In every case the prisoners have left the prison in better health than when they entered it, and in no case has it appeared that any one has suffered from sickness on account of confinement. This is attributable to the cleanliness which prevails in every part of the building, and to the full and perfect ventilation provided for the cell departments.

As conclusive in regard to the healthfulness of the prison and all its arrangements, we are able to state that not a single death has occurred in the prison since the 13th of July, 1873, about two and a half years, although the number of inmates during all that period ranged from 46 to 103, making a general average of about 70 persons. The person who died on the 13th of July, 1873, was Loren Cleavland. He had been long suffering from consumption, and was in the last stage of the disease when admitted, and died soon after. His death was in no way accountable to the health of the prison.

The Report of the Physician to the Prison, Dr. J. E. Bulkeley, hereto annexed, shows in detail the number and kinds of cases treated by him. To his skill and careful attendance on those requiring his attention may be attributed, in some measure, the remarkable fact in the health of the prison to which we have alluded. The thanks of the Board are presented to Dr. Bulkeley for the skillful and faithful manner in which he performed the duties of his position.

Good order among the inmates continues to prevail. There has been no disturbance or disorder, and it has

not been found necessary to resort to extraordinary punishment in any case.

In 1873 a small library was purchased for the use of the prisoners, of which they gladly avail themselves. The results of its use are believed to be beneficial in every respect. Its tendency is to make the prisoners less restless and noisy, by giving occupation to their time during the weary hours of their confinement, who would else be uneasy, noisy and turbulent.

The Young Mens' Christian Association, of Wilkes-Barre, have provided religious services at the prison for nearly every Sunday afternoon, during the past year, which, if they result in no great or permanent good, entitle them to the thanks and favor of the Board and the public for the effort. They have furnished some religious tracts and periodicals to the prisoners, which have been gladly received by some, but by others rejected.

The system of solitary confinement is still maintained, as a rule. Occasionally, the keeper is compelled to depart from it on account of the crowded state of the prison, but he returns to it again when the occasion for the departure has passed away.

Manufacturing Department.

In March, 1873, two looms were put in operation for weaving carpets, the warp and other materials for which were purchased principally in Philadelphia. A third loom was put in operation the past year. These looms give employment to about a dozen men, nearly all who are found competent to be employed at such work.

The cost for the year 1873, was.....	\$1,155	35
The receipts and stock at end of year	1,845	80
The cost for the year 1874, was.....	1,951	47
The receipts and stock at end of year	3,143	08
The cost for the year 1875, was.....	2,271	43
The receipts and stock at end of year	3,619	94
Showing a net profit for 1873, of.....	\$ 690	45
“ “ “ “ 1874, of.....	1,191	51
“ “ “ “ 1875, of.....	1,348	51
Net profit for three years.....	\$3,230	47

The work gives the most perfect satisfaction, and the demand for it is constantly increasing. Near the close of the year a knitting machine was purchased, which requires some skill and practice in the management. Mr. Polen, our engineer, has occupied his spare time in learning its workings, and has succeeded in mastering them so that he has been able to turn out some very satisfactory work. As soon as the prisoners can be taught to manage it, knitting will be added to weaving, for the employment of our prisoners, and it is hoped to profit and advantage.

THE OFFICERS in charge of the Prison during the year just closed were:

Lewis H. Litts, Keeper; Sallie M. Litts, Matron; S. A. Whitebread, Ass't Keeper; S. J. Polen, Engineer and Sup't of Manuf'g; C. M. Bowman, Night Watch.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR 1875.—Charles Dorrance, A. C. Laning, Steuben Jenkins, R. Gersbacher, A. J. Williams, N. Sibert.

No change in the officers was made during the year. The manner in which they each and all performed the

duties assigned them meets the approbation of the entire Board, and entitles them to their thanks.

All of which is respectfully submitted

Attest—

C. DORRANCE,
President of Board of Prison Commissioners.
STEUBEN JENKINS,
Secretary.

January 1, 1876.

LIST OF PERSONS

TAKEN TO HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE, AT DANVILLE, FROM LUZERNE COUNTY PRISON, DURING THE YEAR 1875.

When committed.	NAME.	PLACE.	No. days	Rate	Amount
1874.					
Dec...27	Barney Murthes.....	Wilkes-Barre twp.....	41	55	\$22 55
1875.					
Jan ...29	Margaret McCue	Plymouth.....	8	"	4 40
Feb ... 1	James Bowden	Plains twp	3	"	1 65
June.. 7	Geo. Mutchler	Plymouth	4	"	2 20
" ..11	Prince Alden	"	2	"	1 10
" ..14	Margaret Leonard.....	Dallas	4	"	2 20
July.. 3	Thomas Price	Kingston.....	8	"	4 40
" .. 8	John Swceney	Ashley.....	10	"	5 50
" ..26	Mary Donahue	Pittston.....	2	"	1 10
Aug... 5	Henry Oesser.....	Wilkes-Barre ...	2	"	1 10
" ..27	Michael Denley.....	Sugar Notch boro'.....	23	"	12 65
Sept. 2	Wm. Tilman.....	Wilkes-Barre.....	6	"	3 30
Oct...25	Peter Gilroy	Sent here by Ex-Com.....	3	"	1 65
Nov...12	Mary Barrett.....	Plains twp	5	"	2 75
			121		\$66 55

Certified from the Records.

S. A. WHITEBREAD, Dep't Warden.

STATEMENT

OF THE ACCOUNT FOR MANUFACTURING DEPARTMENT OF THE
LUZERNE COUNTY PRISON, FOR THE YEAR 1875.

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By Cash received for Carpets made and sold	\$2,517 43
“ Material made and used in prison... ..	185 74
“ Stock, and manufactured goods on hand, including custom work.....	792 37
“ Outstanding accounts	124 40
	<u>\$3,619 94</u>

DR.

To stock on hand Jan. 1, 1875	\$ 758 79
“ “ purchased during the year.....	1,446 79
“ freight paid on stock.....	32 30
“ repairs, &c., of looms	19 15
“ advertising	6 00
“ expenses for exhibiting carpets at county fair.....	8 40
	<u>\$2,271 43</u>
Net profit for 1875	<u>\$1,348 51</u>

STATEMENT

OF THE EXPENSES OF THE LUZERNE COUNTY PRISON, FOR THE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1875.

Dr.

To Salaries of Officers.....	\$4,061	67
“ Board of Prisoners	6,580	55
“ Manufacturing Department	2,271	43
“ Gas, Water and Coal.....	1,569	79
“ Clothing and other supplies.....	772	12
“ Prison Repairs	348	54
“ Incidental Expenses.....	37	70
	<u>\$15,641</u>	<u>80</u>

Cr.

By Manufacturing Department	\$3,619	94
“ Board paid by Scranton	2,002	65
“ Clothing “ “	99	25
“ Medicine “ “	20	20
“ Board paid by Carbondale.....	322	10
“ Clothing “ “	10	75
“ Board paid by United States.....	41	20
	<u>\$6,116</u>	<u>09</u>
Net expenses for the year.....	\$9,525	71

APPENDIX.

The Luzerne County Prison was first used for the confinement of prisoners on the eighteenth of August, 1870. At that time there were removed from the old jail to the prison 33 prisoners. These, with those admitted during the balance of 1870, made... . . . 214

The number for the year 1871 was 373

"	"	"	1872	444
"	"	"	1873	461
"	"	"	1874	580
"	"	"	1875	751

From this it will be seen that the number of prisoners is constantly increasing, and at the same rate of increase in the future that we have had in the past, our accommodations will soon cease to be sufficient for the immense crowd constantly thronging thitherward.

The prison, when built, was thought by many to be much larger than would be necessary for Luzerne county, for very many years to come, but time has proved the contrary, and unless crime can be repressed by some means, the County will be compelled in the near future to make arrangements to enlarge its accommodations. This can readily be done by adding a tier or two to the present cells, and without a very large expenditure of money.

As rapid as has been the increase of criminals, it will be seen by the following table of expenses, for the past few years, that the expenses increase as fast, or faster.

EXPENSES.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.
Commonw'lth Costs.....	1,711 08	1,725 91	3,223 67	3,149 34	3,036 71	4,525 37	5,647 82
Court Expenses.....	941 50	1,248 00	1,881 27	1,319 50	1,615 82	2,537 17	4,928 50
Clerk of Courts.....	521 81	913 45	1,213 30	2,928 90	4,188 12	10,055 40	5,950 90
County Jail	262 07	860 05					
District Att'y Fees...	972 00	1,130 00	4,947 37	3,440 00	5,027 00	4,980 00	7,558 00
Eastern Penitentiary	2,458 71	1,884 63	1,804 64	2,036 29	2,847 59	3,295 87	2,827 33
Grand Jurors	834 87	888 65	1,035 62	1,078 22	1,144 26	1,193 36	1,895 74
Petit Jurors.....	2,514 59	3,256 89	4,124 06	4,175 25	3,221 91	4,674 09	5,220 35
Sheriff Board'g Pris's	4,848 42	3,923 20					
" Conv'g to Pen.	659 88	599 12					
County Prison		2,474 80	12,005 28	13,418 16	10,846 69	13,192 26	13,370 37
Sheriff's Fees				1,000 00	1,000 00	2,000 00	6,055 98
							<u>\$52,954 99</u>

From this it will be seen that the direct expenditure for criminal purposes, in the County of Luzerne, during the year 1875, was \$52,954 99

Of the convicts in the prison 57 were sent there under sentences of the courts—51 of whom were from the court at Wilkes-Barre, 5 from Scranton, and 1 from Carbondale. The 21 sent to the Eastern Penitentiary were all from the court at Wilkes-Barre. The total from all the courts was 78. The expense to the county for each convict, it will thus be seen, is about \$670,—beside the expense and loss of time of judges, lawyers, and the thousands of persons who attend the courts as parties, witnesses and spectators.

It would seem that some cheaper method of dealing with criminals should be adopted, or crime and its results must soon overwhelm us in irretrievable ruin.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OF THE LUZERNE COUNTY PRISON :

JANUARY 1ST, 1876.

TO THE BOARD OF PRISON COMMISSIONERS OF LUZERNE COUNTY :

Gentlemen :—I hereby respectfully present my fourth annual and final report for the year 1875.

The sanitary condition of the prison for the past year has been very good—no death has occurred, and there has been an entire exemption from all diseases of an epidemic character. I would acknowledge the kindness, confidence and respect shown me by the commissioners, officers and attendants of the prison, and bear testimony to the efficient manner in which they have discharged their respective duties. The accompanying table will show the cases treated, and the nature of the diseases.

Respectfully submitted.

JONATHAN E. BULKELEY, M. D.

Abscess	2	Gravel	1
Asthma	1	Hernia (scrotal)	1
Bronchitis	3	Mania-a-potu	46
Catarrh	13	Neuralgia	2
Colic	5	Orchitis	1
Constipation	4	Phthisis Pulmonalis . . .	1
Debility	5	Rheumatism	5
Diarrhea	7	Scabies	1
Dyspepsia	2	Syphilis	5
Erysipelas	1	Venerial warts	1
Fever—Remittent	2	Wound (gunshot)	1
Fever—Intermittent	9	Wounds (incised)	2
Fracture of Clavicle . . .	1	Minor complaints	27
Gleet	1		—
Gonorrhea	7	Total	157

[*Condensed from the Report of Board of Charities.*]

STATISTICS OF ALMS, CRIMES AND INSANITY, FOR 1875,
FOR THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA :

Number of persons granted relief from townships, &c . . .	17,683	
Number of persons granted relief from poor houses, . . .	22,516	
		40,199
Cost to townships about . . .	\$1,000,000 00	
Cost to poor houses, . . .	1'298,836 54	
		\$2,298,836 54
Number of persons convicted in courts,	4,666	
Number of persons convicted summarily,	35,518	
		40,184
Of the summarily convicted there were :		
Vagrants,	10,945	
Disorderly and breaches of peace	10,667	
Intoxication,	13,588	
Other causes,	316	
		35,518
Costs of prisons,	\$632,328 10	
County criminal costs about . . .	\$2,500,000 00	
		\$3,132,328 10
Insane, indigent patients, . . .	1,907	
Free patients,	48	
		1,955
Cost of insane at asylum, . . .		\$695,341,35
Total poor,	40,199	
Criminals,	40,184	
Insane,	1,955	
Total expenditures		\$6,126,505 99
Add expenses of conveying prisoners to place of destination	4,666	
Add expenses of conveying insane to place of destination	1,907	
		6,573 at \$20 each.
		\$131,460,00
Summary convictions,	35,518 at \$10 each.	
		\$355,180,00
Grand Total, :		\$6,613,145,99

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT, CITY OF WILKES-BARRE.

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FOR ONE YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 1876.

Total number of arrests, 1654. Males, 1505; Females, 149.
Heads of Families, 568; Single persons, 1096.

NATIONALITIES.

Irish, - - - -	489	Americans, - - -	844
English, - - - -	29	Germans, - - -	128
Welsh, - - - -	88	Jews, - - -	13
Africans, - - - -	45	Polish, - - -	18

CAUSES OF ARREST.

Drunkenness, - - -	117	Nuisances removed, -	252
Open Bar Sunday, -	5	Disorderly House, -	1
Obstructing Thoroughfares, -	5	Disorderly Conduct, -	1081
Committing nuisances, -	2	Fornication, - - -	1
Arson, - - - -	1	Carrying concealed weapons, -	3
Larceny, - - - -	40	Murder, - - - -	1
Interfering with officers, -	18	Fast Driving Horses, -	14
Malicious Mischief, -	13	Vagrancy, - - -	89
Cruelty to Animals, - -	1	Selling without License, -	2
Not removing Snow, -	4	Not removing Nuisances, -	7
Assault and Battery, -	209	Slaughtering and Herding, -	4
Driving on Sidewalks, -	1	Sale of impure Food, -	6
Building without Permit, -	5	Indecent Language, -	2
Keeping houses of Prostitution, - - -	3	Gambling, - - -	4
Frequenting do. - - -	10	Assisted Home Drunk, -	189
Disturbances quelled without arrest, - - -	452	Burglary, - - -	7
		Lost Children Restored, -	14
		Committed to Jail, -	405

PERSONS PROVIDED LODGING IN STATION HOUSE.

Males, - - - -	1922	Single Persons, - - -	1498
Females, - - - -	38	Married do. - - -	256
		Minors, - - -	206
Total, - - - -	1960	Total, - - -	1960

Amount of property stolen and restored, - - - - \$581 05
Amount of property taken from persons and restored, - \$2,307 02

WM. KELLEY, CHIEF OF POLICE.

STATEMENT

OF THE

Finances of Luzerne County,

For the Year 1875.

List of Collectors of Taxes who have settled their Duplicates during the Year 1875, by payment of the following amounts.

Yrs	DISTRICTS.	COLLECTORS.	STATE TAX.	COUNTY TAX.
1871	Dunmore borough	George M Black	51 65	293 28
"	Lake township	Johnathan W Kocher	1 52	22 92
"	Seranton City, 7th ward	John Faurot	3 38	
"	" " 8th "	John Faurot	221 32	
"	" " 9th "	Henry Wenzell	67 71	
"	" " 10th "	Henry Wenzell	19 47	
1872	Dunmore borough	Martin McLean	240 32	180 72
"	Lake township	S C Mulliso		
"	New Columbus borough	John Bogart	26 85	364 88
"	Ross township	Josiah M Holmes	29 31	187 79
"	Seranton city, 3d ward	Thomas Mullen	38 10	
1873	Abington township, N. D.	Jabez G Hall		
"	Bear Creek township	William Edwards	1 60	1 82
"	Dunmore borough	John H Koch	42 20	121 50
"	Huntington township	Joseph Boston	131 14	366 86
"	Lake township	George Wentz	10 45	1 64
"	New Columbus township	A A Stevens	21 83	228 32
"	Plymouth township	James B Pierce	198 80	730 05
"	Seranton city, 1st ward	Nathaniel Fitch	100 75	
"	" " 2d "	Nathaniel Fitch	214 05	
"	" " 6th "	Christopher Eckart	61 37	
"	" " 9th "	Owen Coleman	51 94	
"	" " 10th "	Christopher Eckart	17 06	
"	" " 11th "	Christopher Eckart	95 90	
"	" " 12th "	M J Mahon	72 03	
"	Union township	W H Masters	71 86	350 51
1874	Ashley borough	Chas H Day	150 85	182 13
"	Abington township, N. D.	R N Capwell	130 73	1307 68
"	" " S. D.	H B Simrell	84 87	105 67
"	Butler township	J S Oberender	145 53	333 31
"	Buck township	L A Dakin	25 27	150 84
"	Blakely borough	William H Page	81 62	243 17
"	Black Creek township	W G Gregory	61 51	146 83
"	Carbondale township	James Higgins	45 52	870 48
"	Covington township, N. D.	L W Frey	51 57	360 14
"	" " S. D.	John M Shaneman	39 08	213 82
"	Denison township	Theodore Benham	7 29	1 25
"	Dunmore borough	James Morahan, jr.	181 83	524 35
"	Exeter township	H M Harding	85 67	356 17
"	Fell township	D K Morse	33 91	716 59
"	Gibsonburg borough	John Gardner	113 50	126 85
"	Hanover township	Samuel Line	170 68	994 41
"	Hazle township	Robert Boston	45 48	425 86
"	Hazleton borough	Gottlob Ulmer	476 26	4252 46
"	Jeddo borough	Frank Hamman	22 74	148 20
"	Lake township	G H Bronson	48 99	1 5 54
"	Lehman township	Ziba B Smith	52 06	683 19
"	Lackawanna township	F A Kane	238 00	981 52
"	Newton township	Joseph Kircher	101 10	87 92
"	Nescopeck township	Geo Raber	119 23	785 70
"	Towpact township	John Gruver	180 75	1125 78
"	Old Forge township	Chas Aten	75 06	353 10
"	Plains township	Edward Rosengrant	500 00	
"	Plymouth borough	B S Clair	162 45	80 78
"	Pittston township	George Judge	100 89	
"	Pleasant Valley borough	M T Hoban	26 15	96 28
"	Ross township	Silas H Lavalley	57 06	596 93
"	Ransom township	Solomon Ace	56 13	474 25
"	Salem township	T F Craig	107 33	792 51
"	Sugarloaf township	Nathan Wagner	51 21	441 58
"	Scott township	Richard Graves, jr.	102 83	220 71
"	Shickshinny borough	A F White	72 31	605 36
"	Spring Brook township	William H Jones	33 93	297 17
"	Sugar Notch borough	Jacob Shappert	102 22	84 39
"	Union township	Stephen Hartman	79 97	951 66
"	Wright township	James Garrity	28 20	
"	Wilkes-Barre township, N. D.	John McGavin	22 63	151 51
"	" " S. D.	Patrick Horan	8 14	
1875	Exeter township	Giles Lewis	77 52	1696 06
"	Hazleton borough	Gottlob Ulmer	559 92	4543 81
"	Jenkins township	Patrick McDermott	160 92	1533 03
"	Jeddo borough	Frank Hamman	32 60	153 44
"	Lackawanna township	F A Kane	183 57	2809 25
"	Pleasant Valley borough	M T Hoban	69 22	989 66
"	West Pittston borough	Perry C Rozel	292 89	2011 80
"	White Haven borough	Bradley Childs	136 55	1163 72
"	Wilkes-Barre township, N. D.	John McGavin	52 80	1575 74
"	" " S. D.	Patrick Horan	29 45	963 28
Total			7389 69	40679 25

List of Collectors in Arrears at the close of the Year 1875.

YEARS.	DISTRICTS.	COLLECTORS.	STATE TAX.			COUNTY TAX.		
			CHAG'D.	REC'D.	DUE	CHAG'D.	REC'D.	DUE.
1869	Buck Twp.....	Daniel McAscy,...	3 82		3 82	74		74
1870	Ross "	B F Delong,.....	6 84		6 84	306 98		306 98
1872	Buck "	Lewis Stull,.....	1 81		1 81	10 25		10 25
	Goulds Boro.....	A Y Transue,.....	45 40		45 40	144 93		144 93
	Huntington Twp....	M E Hess,.....	147 51	100 60	47 51	293 75	213 73	20 02
	Plains Twp.....	C M Williams,....	126 51		126 51	488 01		488 01
	Pittston Boro.....	Andrew H Law,...	20 06		20 06	47 38		47 38
1873	Fairmount Twp....	D C Koons,.....	70 12		70 12	961 04	4 75	486 04
	Gibsonburg Boro....	John B Cole,.....	21 29		21 29	162 95		162 95
	Plains Twp.....	C M Williams,....	172 42		172 42	3290 36	2000 00	1290 36
	Plymouth Boro.....	Mark A Duffy,....	195 24		195 24	1017 91		1017 91
	Scranton City, 3d w'd	Thos Mullen,....	148 70		148 70			
	White Haven Boro...	Joseph Wasser,...	149 63		149 63	698 40	403 00	295 40
	Wright Twp.....	J R Willis,.....	48 95		48 95	134 58		134 58
1874	Bear Creek Twp....	J R Morris,.....	10 94		10 94	616 92		616 92
	Benton Twp.....	S M Potter,.....	109 03	40 00	69 00	1563 94	788 56	715 38
	Blakely Twp.....	John J Dougher,...	441 52		441 52	1366 95	1600 00	1766 95
	Fairmount Twp....	Nathan Klimetob,...	82 97		82 97	1136 00	725 00	471 00
	Greenfield Twp....	Geo T Burdick,...	90 19		90 19	1488 23	1130 00	358 23
	Huntington Twp....	Sam'l C Dodson,...	149 72	100 00	49 72	1363 03	1238 00	125 03
	Hollenback Twp....	Henry Gruener,...	108 50	75 00	33 50	505 21	225 00	280 21
	Jackson Twp.....	Wm S Wilcox,....	68 13	25 00	43 13	406 28	350 00	56 28
	Jenkins Twp.....	Peter Durkin,....	185 92		185 92	1125 92		1125 92
	Plymouth Twp....	Daniel Dooley,...	425 78		425 78	2422 80		2422 80
	Pittston Boro.....	L B Eusign,.....	510 00	245 06	265 00	1157 09	671 82	485 27
	Roaring Brook Twp.	C E Welch,.....	62 66		62 66	428 54	30 00	398 54
	Slocum Twp.....	Peter Spade,.....	25 60	15 00	10 60	176 43	151 88	24 55
	Waverly Boro.....	William LaBar,...	49 76		49 76	202 80	84 00	118 80
	Wilkes-Barre City...	G M Miller,.....	1353 30	750 00	603 30	10612 15	6054 17	4557 98
1875	Ashley Boro.....	Chas H Hay,.....	214 90		214 90	2236 41	1282 20	954 21
	Abington Twp., N D.	John A Fisk,.....	149 82		149 82	2374 62	175 00	2199 62
	Abington Twp., S D.	Erastus D Lame,...	106 96		106 96	1631 91	1160 00	471 91
	Bear Creek Twp....	H W Barnes,.....	7 66		7 66	685 69		685 69
	Butler Twp.....	J S Oberender,...	182 82		182 82	2856 38	2065 19	791 19
	Buck Twp.....	Abraham Bellas,...	32 98		32 98	452 14	172 00	280 14
	Benton Twp.....	Hiram Chase,....	101 06		101 06	2091 06	700 00	1391 06
	Blakely Twp.....	Wm Commons,....	483 16		483 16	5883 67		5883 67
	Blakely Boro.....	William H Page,...	204 05	100 00	1 4 05	759 75	600 00	159 75
	Black Creek.....	Jacob Hart,.....	79 72		79 72	1623 92	1070 57	553 35
	Carbondale Twp....	James Higgins,...	78 14		78 14	1234 61		1234 61
	Covington N D.....	M W Hurley,.....	52 68		52 68	642 80	400 00	242 80
	Covington Twp., S D.	Michael Fox,.....	44 30		44 30	693 73	300 05	393 68
	Denison Twp.....	E F Brown,.....	69 84		69 84	742 94		742 94
	Dorrance Twp.....	D Whitebread,...	42 96		42 96	638 98	490 00	148 98
	Dallas Twp.....	Jesse Hallock,...	92 36	60 00	32 36	1404 54	1310 76	94 18
	Dunmore Twp.....	Jas Morrahan, jr.,	378 90	150 00	228 90	3494 74	2700 00	794 74
	Fairmount Twp....	E M Santee jr.,...	92 28		92 28	1737 28	709 12	1028 16
	Franklin Twp.....	Valentine Dewitt,...	73 31		73 31	903 97	770 00	133 90
	Fell Twp.....	D K Morse,.....	33 35		33 35	939 01		939 00
	Foster Twp.....	John C Roach,....	358 50		358 50	2676 72	2187 34	489 38
	Greenfield Twp....	Henry Taylor,....	80 33	65 52	14 81	1462 05	1359 48	102 57
	Goulds Boro.....	Joseph Engler,...	28 94		28 94	235 33	223 00	12 33
	Huntington Twp....	E P Fitzgerald,...	147 78		147 78	2444 50	500 00	1944 50
	Hanover Twp.....	A B Lender,.....	136 20		136 20	4868 69	3535 05	1273 64
	Hazle Twp.....	Jas B Brennan,...	738 26		738 26	7051 01	3500 00	3551 01
	Hollenback Twp....	Jonas Peters,....	110 34		110 34	2206 79	1130 00	1076 79
	Jackson Twp.....	Thos Atkinson,...	75 20		75 20	834 23	450 00	384 23
	Jefferson Twp....	F Roushmyer,....	48 32		48 32	802 29	350 00	452 29
	Jermyn Boro.....	John Gardner,...	123 82		123 82	904 82	301 54	603 28
	Kingston Twp.....	Geo S Richmond,...	415 68		415 68	5187 82	3531 51	1653 31
	Kingson Boro.....	Jas VanLoon,....	165 98	100 60	65 98	1640 86	1325 00	315 86
	Lake Twp.....	F A Williams,....	61 14		61 14	355 98	200 00	155 98
	Lehman Twp.....	D T Lutz,.....	55 60		55 60	1171 18	910 00	261 18
	Madison Twp.....	Thos Frazee,....	96 14		96 14	1026 94	200 00	826 94
	Nanticoke Boro....	Samuel Line,.....	305 26		305 20	2766 36	1700 00	1066 36
	Newton Twp.....	B Winters,.....	121 94		121 94	1812 64	1440 00	372 64
	Nescopeck Twp....	Geo Raber,.....	128 44		121 44	1872 24	531 33	1340 94
	New Columbia Boro.	D L Chapin,.....	28 64		28 64	320 00		320 00
	Newport Twp.....	A J Bellas,.....	149 50		140 50	2531 38	730 00	1801 38
	Old Forge Twp....	Charles Aten,....	113 48		113 48	1323 06	700 00	623 06
	Plains Twp.....	Ed Rosegrant,...	451 24	200 00	251 24	5415 33	4429 86	985 47
	Plymouth Twp.....	James B Pierce,...	395 59		395 59	5402 36	2875 00	2527 36
	Plymouth Boro.....	A F Duffy,.....	473 52		473 52	3459 71	1900 00	1559 71
	Pittston Twp.....	George Judge,....	281 24		281 24	3867 21	2800 00	1067 21
	Pittston Boro.....	Peter B Daly,....	638 84		638 84	5061 25	5200 00	761 25
	Ross Twp.....	Silas H Lavally,...	61 84		61 84	1167 19	205 00	962 19
	Ransom Twp.....	S J Winters,....	67 43		67 43	1061 93	905 00	156 93
	Roaring Brook Twp.	James Locklin,...	54 90		54 90	622 03	310 00	312 03

List of Collectors in Arrears—Continued.

YEAR.	DISTRICTS.	COLLECTORS.	STATE TAX.			COUNTY TAX.		
			CHAG'D.	REC'D.	DUE.	CHAG'D.	REC'D.	DUE.
1875	Salem Twp.,.....	T F Craig,.....	128 98		128 98	1920 52	1140 02	780 50
	Sugarloaf Twp.,.....	Nathan Wagner..	115 53		1 5 53	2199 87	1867 00	332 .7
"	Scott Twp.,.....	T O Taylor,.....	108 92		108 92	1910 14	1571 00	339 14
"	Shlekshmy Twp.,...	A C Nice y.,.....	93 00		93 00	824 97	385 80	439 17
"	Slocum Twp.,.....	James Moore,....	25 68		25 68	289 03	90 00	199 03
"	Spring Brook Twp.,	Thos W Haines,...	44 63	19 31	25 32	737 83	380 69	357 14
"	Sugar Notch Boro.,...	Patrick Mooney,	189 30		189 30	1633 08	1035 83	597 25
"	Union Twp.,.....	H W Bonham,....	96 07		96 07	1705 19	520 00	1185 19
"	Waverly Boro.,.....	John Stone,.....	30 44		30 44	394 16	100 00	294 16
"	Wright Twp.,.....	T D Deitrick,....	48 92		48 92	462 92	260 00	202 92
"	Wilkes-Barre City,...	G M Miller,.....	1524 71		1524 71	28067 57	18000 00	10067 57
		Total,.....	15673 81	2044 83	13628 98	177758 94	9894 47	78811 47
		Amount received from Duplicates } settled, }		3203 04 4186 56			948 3119	
				9434 43			1396	

The following named Collectors have settled their Duplicates since the 1st of January, 1876 :

D K Morse, Fell Twp.,	Henry Taylor, Greenfield,	T O Taylor, Scott,
Peter Spade, Roaring Brook,	Joseph Engle, Gouldsboro.,	Pat Mooney, Sugar Notch,
Jas Locklin, Roaring Brook,	A B Leader, Hanover,	J Morrahan, jr, Dunmore B.,
E D Larue, Abington S D.,	Jonas Peters, Hollenback,	D T Lutz, Lehman,
J S Oberander, Butler Twp.,	Thos Atkinson, Jackson,	Jacob Hart, Black Creek,
W H Page, Blakely Boro.,	F Rosumeyer, Jefferson,	Hiram Chase, Benton,
M W Hurley, Cov'ton T N D.,	Jas VanLoon, Kingston Boro.	G Burdick, Greenfield, 1874.
Jesse Hallock, Jenkins,	Sam'l Line Nanticoke Boro.,	H Gruver, Hollenback, 1874.
E M Santee, Fairmount,	S J Winters, Ransom,	George Judd, Pittston Twp.,
Val DeWitt, Franklin,	T F Craig, Salem,	S C Dodson, Huntington, 1874.
Jno C Roach, Foster,	Nathan Wagner, Sugarloaf,	

STATEMENT of the EXPENDITURES of LUZERNE COUNTY, for the YEAR 1875.

ORDINARY:

Assessment Expenses,.....		\$ 7928 64
*Commonwealth Costs,.....		5647 82
County Commissioners pay: N Gersbacher,.....	\$ 1170 16	
" " " N Sibert,.....	1139 10	
" " " A J Williams,.....	1071 68	3380 94
Commissioner's Clerks pay : P F Lynch,.....	\$ 1200 00	
" " " Geo M Nagle,.....	1100 00	2300 00
" " Counsel since Nov. 14, 1874, Geo B Kulp,.....		282 50
County Auditors pay : F A Seybert,.....	\$ 200 00	
" " " J W Gore,.....	200 00	
" " " H C Reichard,.....	200 00	
" " " P F Lynch, Clerk,.....	200 00	
County Auditors pay, State Tax, Geo B Kulp,.....		
Court Expenses,.....		4928 50
Consable Fees,.....		2477 34
*County Records, John A Hutchins,.....	\$ 8860 00	
" " " D O McCollum,.....	875 00	
" " " Miscellaneous work,.....	215 65	9986 65
Clerk of Courts Fees,.....		5950 90
District Att'y Fee.....		7558 00
Fox and Skunk Certificates,.....		772 80
Eastern Penitentiary,.....		2827 33
Election Expenses,.....		6247 10
Jurors pay : Petit,.....	\$ 5220 35	
" " Grand,.....	1395 74	
" " Traverse,.....	11278 48	17894 57
Justices Fees,.....		111 68
Inquisitions,.....		248 18
Incidentals,.....		17 49
Jury Commissioners pay,.....		397 40
Lunatic Hospital,.....		9483 40

Printing and Stationery, "Luzerne Union,"	\$ 1410 50	
" " "Record of the Times,"	641 60	
" " "Sunday Morning Free Press,"	926 50	
" " "Morning Republican "	59 80	
" " "Scranton Daily Times,"	764 75	
" " "Scranton Wochenblatt,"	368 00	
" " "Pittston Comet,"	525 00	
" " "Wilkes-Barre Volkesfreund,"	285 00	
" " E G Butler, Stationery,	233 64	
" " Wm Mann,	1385 12	
" " "Hazleton Volkes Blatt,"	260 00	
" " "Luzerne Legal Register,"	521 55	
" " "Hazleton News,"	21 00	
" " "Hazleton Sentinel,"	111 00	
" " Miscellaneous	266 53	
		7779 39
Postage, &c.,		54 41
Prison expenses,		109 14
Road Views		526 80
Public Buildings—Salaries	\$1421 00	
" " *Coal	851 90	
" " Water	124 00	
" " *Gas	1210 14	
" " *Furnace	1791 96	
" " Supplies	578 63	
" " Court House Yard	1099 43	
" " Repairs	1620 11	
" " *Miscellaneous	224 48	
		8921 65
Road Damages,		340 00
Refunded Money		102 00
Referees Pay		2200 00
Interest on Bonds extended		917 55
*Sheriffs' Fees		6055 98
Registration		5802 41
		\$122,150 57

EXTRAORDINARY.

Contested Election—Peter Seible, Prot.	\$430 80	
" " Witnesses	61 24	
		492 01
*County Map, C. M. Cornwell, for printing, binding and engraving	6069 00	
* " " R. Gersbacher, Expenses	38 20	
		6107 20
*Court House Alterations —Martin Fry \$16 12, C. B. Price \$15 84, J. P. Fell \$76 34, M. B. Hought \$180 81, C. F. Reets & Co \$5 56, Bruce Price \$900 00, Kirkendall Bro. \$18 06,		1292 73
Carbondale City, Act of March 21, 1865		2037 81
Huntington Twp. Road, Act of Assembly, 1868		30 00
Mine Examiner's Expenses		360 00
Rewards		900 00
		\$11,219 78
Total Amount of Ordinary Expenses		\$122,150 57
" " " Extraordinary Expenses		11,219 78
		\$133,370 35

RECAPITULATION.

Amount expended for County Bridges		5050 65
Expenses for County Prison—Salaries	\$4019 99	
" " " Coal	1179 75	
" " " Water	250 00	
" " " Gas	215 84	
" " " Carpet Material	1277 68	
" " " Prisoners Board	6144 60	
" " " Supplies	566 30	
" " " Repairs	422 14	
		14,376 30
		\$152,796 70

James Courtright, Treasurer of Luzerne County, in Account with said County, for County Purposes, for 1875.

DR.		CR.	
To Amount in hand of Treasurer at last settlement :			
Cash,	\$16543 37		
Wilkes-Barre Boro. Bonds,	10900 00		
	<u>\$27443 37</u>		
To amount of Taxes received in 1875, on redemption from Comm'rs,	147 51		
To amount of exonerated Taxes received in 1875,	40 01		
To amount received from Warden Litz, proceeds of manufacturing at County Prison,	2283 96		
To amount of Interest received on Wilkes Barre Boro. Bonds,	621 30		
To amount of miscellaneous receipts in 1875,	1710 82		
To amount of Taxes received in 1875, by redemption from County Trs.,	32 19		
To amount Fees & Costs rec'd in 1875,	1321 67		
To amount of Taxes rec'd on Duplicates in 1875,	139626 72		
To amount of County Bonds, Issued 1875,	81200 00		
To amount of Foot Peddlers Licenses,	110 00		
	<u>\$254537 55</u>		
		By amount of County orders redeemed in 1875,	\$133341 35
		By amount of County orders issued in 1873 and 1874, and redeemed in 1875,	12 52
		By amount of County Bonds redeemed in 1876,	35950 00
		By amount of Coupons paid in 1875,	4630 77
		By amount of Temporary Loan, paid A C Laning,	\$20,000 00
		By amount of temporary loan paid F V Rockefeller & Co 00000 00	
			<u>30000 00</u>
		By amount of interest on Tem'y Loan	964 00
		By amount of interest on B'ds ex'ded	2452 90
		By amount paid Jos K Bogert, Clerk Orphan's Court,	1040 00
		By amount of expenses of Luz. Co. Prison, paid on orders in 1875,	14361 90
		By Com's on \$227,044 18 rec'd, @ 2 1/4 percent.,	5109 62
		By Com's on \$191,953 44, paid out, @ 1 1/4 percent.,	3376 68
		By amt't paid Wm A Campbell, Supt., expenses of County Institute,	200 00
		By amount refunded J C Roach, State and County Tax Collector of Foster, for 1875,	47 77
		By amount transferred to State account to balance,	3478 67
		By amount of Wilkes-Barre Boro. Bonds,	\$10,900 00
		By Cash in hands of County Treas., Jan. 1st, 1876	8671 37
			<u>19571 37</u>
			<u>\$254,537 55</u>

Statement of the Finances of Luzerne County, January 1, 1875.

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
The County owes for Bonds outstanding January, 1st, 1876,	\$92100 00	The County Treasurer has in his hands the above balance of	\$19571 37
The County owes for orders outstanding for 1873,	\$18 00	Amount due the county on Old Jail lots	1300 00
The County owes for orders outstanding, for 1875,	29 00	Amount due the County from the several Poor Districts for the support of their insane at Danville and Harrisburg, since Jan. 1, 1870,	15762 23
	<u>47 00</u>	Balance due on duplicates in Collectors hands subject to exonerations and Commissions	78791 47
The County owes for Prison orders outstanding for 1872,	\$50 00	Amount due the County on Sundry judgment notes, in hands of the County Commissioners,	4286 91
The County owes for Prison orders outstanding, for 1873,	50 00		
The County owes for Prison orders outstanding, for 1874,	50 00		
The County owes for Prison orders outstanding, for 1875,	67 00		
	<u>217 70</u>		
	<u>\$92264 70</u>		<u>\$129711 98</u>

James Courtright, Treasurer of Luzerne County, in account with said County, for State purposes, for 1875.

DR.		CR.	
To amonut of State Tax received on Duplicate in 1875,	\$9,434 43	By amount paid State Treasurer, August 23, 1875,	\$10,000 00
To amount of State Tax received from Banks, in 1875,	5,719 26	By amount paid State Treasurer, Oct. 1, 1875,	8,480 83
To amount transferred from County aecount to balance,	3,478 67	By commissions on \$9,434 43, @ 1 pr. et. received,	94 34
		By commissions on \$5,719 26, Bank tax, received at 1 per cent.	57 19
	<u>\$18,632 36</u>		<u>\$18,632 36</u>

James Courtright, Treasurer of Luzerne County, in account with
said County, for Bridge Taxes, for 1875.

DR.		CR.	
To balance in hands of Treasurer, Jan. 1, 1875,	\$4,312 49	By amount paid on account of Bridge over Lackw'a river in Old Forge tsp.	\$2,815 00
To amount of Taxes received on Duplicates in 1875,	7,534 11	By amount paid on account of Bridge at Everhart's Island,	1,000 00
		By amount paid on account of Bridge over Roaring Brook, in Madison tsp.	473 85
		By amount paid on account of Bridge over Lehigh river in Covington tsp.	761 20
		By commissions on \$7,534 11, received @ 2½ per cent.	169 52
		By commissions on \$5,050 65 paid out @ 1¾ per cent.	88 38
		By balance in hands of Treasurer Jan. 1, 1876,	6,538 65
	<u>\$11,846 60</u>		<u>\$11,846 60</u>

James Courtright, Treasurer of the County of Luzerne, in account with said County, for School and Road Taxes, for 1875.

DR.		SCHOOL.	ROAD.	CR.		SCHOOL.	ROAD.
To balance in hands of Treas. Jan. 1, 1875,	\$9,936 12	\$3,521 46		By amount said taxes paid the several towns'ps during 1875,	\$8,727 04	2,201 72	
To amount said taxes rec'd on unseated lands during '75	73 40	79 29		By commissions on \$73 40 and \$79 29 received @ 5 per cent,	3 67	3 96	
				By balance in hands of Treasurer, Jan. 1, 1876,	1,278 81	1,395 07	
	<u>\$10,009 52</u>	<u>\$3,600 75</u>			<u>\$10,009 52</u>	<u>\$3,600 75</u>	

James Courtright, Treasurer of the County of Luzerne, in Account with said County, for Poor and Bounty Taxes, for 1875.

DR.		POOR.	BOUNTY.	CR.		POOR.	BOUNTY.
To balance in hands of Treasurer, Jan. 1, 1875,	\$1,601 78	\$282 00		By am't said taxes paid the several tw'sps during 1875,	\$1,552 41		
To amount of said taxes rec'd on unseated lands in 1875,	2 71			By commissions of \$2 71 rec'd @ 5 per cent.	14		
				By balance in hands of Treas. Jan. 1, 1876,	51 94	282 00	
	<u>\$1,604 49</u>	<u>\$282 00</u>			<u>\$1,604 49</u>	<u>282 00</u>	

James Courtright, Treasurer of Luzerne County, in Account with said County, for Taxes on Dogs, for 1875.

DR.		CR.	
To balance in hands of Treasurer, Jan. 1st, 1875,	\$1,164 72	By balance in hands of Treasurer, Jan. 1st, 1876,	\$1,164 72

TREASURER'S RECEIPT.

WILKES BARRE, APRIL 13, 1876.

Received from James Courtright, late Treasurer, Thirty Thousand two hundred and eighty-two dollars and fifty-six cents, being in full of balance in his hands 1st January, 1876, as per Auditor's report.

JOHN McNISH, *Treas'r.*

AUDITORS' NOTICE.

LUZERNE COUNTY, SS :

WE, the undersigned Auditors, duly elected in and for said County of Luzerne, after being duly sworn according to law in such case made and provided, assembled, in pursuance of our duties, at the Auditor's office, in the city of Wilkes-Barre, county aforesaid, on the first Monday of February, A. D. 1876, and so on from day to day, until our duties were fully performed and ended, during which time we did thoroughly examine, audit, settle and adjust the several accounts of the Commissioners' and Treasurer of said county, for the year, A. D. 1875, and after using due diligence in making search, summoning the said Commissioners to appear before us, and taking various testimony bearing thereon, do hereby, this the 10th day of April, A. D. 1876, make the following report

WE, hereby certify, that we made a full and true exhibit of the expenditures of the County of Luzerne, for the year A. D. 1875, and further, we do certify, that we find a balance in the hands of James Courtright, County Treasurer, due to the said county of Luzerne, of nineteen thousand five hundred and seventy-one dollars and thirty-seven cents \$19,571.37 and in addition thereto, the following balances:

Bridge tax, six thousand five hundred and thirty-eight dollars and sixty-five cents....	6,538 65
Dog tax, one thousand one hundred and sixty-four dollars and seventy-two cents.....	1,164 72
School tax, one thousand two hundred and seventy-eight dollars and eighty-one cents..	1,278 81
Road tax, one thousand three hundred and ninety-five dollars and seven cents.....	1,395 07
Poor tax, fifty-one dollars and ninety-four cents.....	51 94
Bounty tax, two hundred and eighty-two dollars.....	282 00

Making a total of thirty thousand two hundred and eighty-two and 56-100 dollars \$30,286 56 in the hands of James Courtright, County Treasurer, for the year, A. D. 1875.

The foregoing statements are a full exhibit of the several accounts of the Commissioners and Treasurer of said county for the year, A. D. 1875, as submitted to us for our examination, very carefully analyzed, so as to give the citizens of said county an intelligent and comprehensive view of the various amounts of money and for what purposes.

The items in the expenditure accounts marked * are those sums in whole or in part, which we in the performance of our duties have deemed right, just and proper to not allow, consequently although, they appear in the general statements, have been audited by us into the hands of the Commissioners for reasons hereinafter explained.

First. Included in the amount "5,647.82 Commonwealth Costs," We find paid indirectly to witnesses by warrants on the Treasurer, as follows: Warrant No. 1551, \$32.96. No. 1760, \$102.54, No. 3955, \$80.00, No. 4099, \$103.80, making in the aggregate to the sum of \$319.30, which amount having been paid to the second party without the proper authority, we deem it our duty to not allow.

First. The amount "\$8,860.00, County Records," expended from January 4th. 1875, to Nov. 4th, next following, by being paid to Mr. John A. Hutchins, for indexing the County Records, in the Recorder's office. We are of the opinion is, coupled with previous payments, amounting to \$7,870.00, and in the aggregate to \$16,730.00, far too large a sum for the work performed.

Second. We find that the work could have been done for a very much lesser sum, and that three persons (Mr. Hutchins and two others) were in the first place engaged for a period of thirteen (13) months prior to a contract, being made with said Hutchins, the former at \$3.50 per diem, and the two latter at \$3.00, at an outlay of \$3,211 00. Whereas, after the said contract was made, three men with the occasional assistance of a fourth, during a period of ten months and twenty three days, incurred an outlay of \$8,860.00.

Third. We find that the said Hutchins and his assistants had continued to do the work, as at first, by the day, accomplishing the same result in the same given time, he and his assistants would have earned the sum of \$6,915.00, or nine thousand eight hundred and fourteen dollars less than the amount paid for contract work. We therefore, deem it our duty to not allow the said sum of \$8,860.00, amount paid the said Hutchins during the year, A. D. 1875.

In the amount "\$51.90 Public Buildings," expended for coal to heat the Court Rooms, Commissioner's office and various other offices in the building, we find no charge made, nor any sums collected from the incumbents of said offices, for a portion of said coal, we therefore, deduct from said sum twenty-five dollars for each office, except the Prothonotary's office, viz: Clerk, Register, Treasurer, Recorder, Sheriff, District Attorney, Surveyor, Bar office, President Judge and Town Council Rooms and for the Prothonotary's office, we deduct fifty dollars, making in the aggregate the sum of \$309.00, which amount, we also deem it our duty to not allow.

In the amount "\$1,210.14 Public Buildings," expending for gas to light the Court Rooms, Commissioner's office and the halls, as also the Prothonotary's office on the second floor. We find no charge made or amount collected for gas consumed in the latter office. We, therefore, deduct from said sum the amount of fifty dollars, which sum we also deem it our duty to not allow.

In the amount "\$1,791.96 Furnace" (in Public Building's act.) We find the sum of \$168.66, paid to Mr. M. B. Houtp, his commission at the rate of 10 per cent. for superintending the erection of said furnace, a payment, especially in a case of this kind, we consider as unnecessary and very extravagant. We, therefore, deem it our duty to not allow the said sum.

Included in the amount "\$224.48 Miscellaneous Public Buildings," we find the sum of fifty-six and 40-100 (\$56.40) dollars, expenses of Commissioner Gersbacher, to and from Philadelphia, to order assessment books. We consider an unnecessary outlay, and therefore deem it our duty to not allow the said sum of \$56.40.

Included in the amount "\$6,065.98, Sheriff's Fees," is \$4,503.30 paid to ex-Sheriff Whitaker, and in which latter sum we find overcharges, or fees paid in cases wherein the County is not liable, amounting to \$2,196.50, which sum we deem it our duty to not allow.

First. The amount "6,069.00 County Map," being a balance paid C. M. Cornwall, of New